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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO APOLLO-SOYUZ MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING REPLY ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT DAOUD'S MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION ON APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES AT THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION.

I HAVE BEEN HEARTENED BY THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF THIS FIRST INTERNATIONAL MANNED SPACE VENTURE AND HAVE GREAT HOPES FOR FUTURE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SPACE.

THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION DEMONSTRATES THAT, BY COMBINING THEIR SKILLS AND INTELLECT, NATIONS OF THE WORLD HAVE ENORMOUS POTENTIAL FOR SOLVING COMMON PROBLEMS AND ATTAINING COMMON GOALS ON EARTH AS WELL AS IN SPACE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE.

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2. FYI THE FOLLOWING IS THE MESSAGE PRESIDENT DAOUD SENT TO PRESIDENT FORD:

QUOTE: IT IS INDEED WITH PLEASURE THAT I AVAIL MYSELF OF

THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO YOU MR. PRESIDENT TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES MY WARM FELICITATIONS AND THOSE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN FOR THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE CLOSE AND FRUITFUL COLLABORATION BETWEEN AMERICAN AND SOVIET ASTRONAUTS IN THE COURSE OF THEIR FIRST JOINT VENTURE INTO SPACE.

THE DOCKING IN SPACE BETWEEN APOLLO AND SOYUZ SPACECRAFTS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE PROGRESS OF SCIENCE AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY AND I HOPE THAT IN THE YEARS TO COME SIMILAR JOINT UNDERTAKINGS WOULD LEAD TO EVEN GREATER COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND AND THE PEACEFUL CONQUEST OF SPACE. END QUOTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE MESSAGES BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF GOA WISHES TO DO SO. INGERSOLL

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